Unemployment in metro cities

2085. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANOTSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment is growing at an alarming rate in the metro cities;

(b) if so, whether Government are planning to formulate any new policies to tackle the unemployment situation in all the metro cities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The data on unemployment in metro cities is not available either with the Planning Commission or with the office of the Registrar General of India. However, as per employment and unemployment rounds of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), the estimated number of workers on Current Daily Status basis has increased from 315.84 million in 1993-94 to 336.75 million in 1999-2000 and the number of unemployment has increased from 20.13 million in 1993-94 to 26.58 million in 1999-2000.

Tenth Five Year Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities. To create employment potential, the Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sector and sub-sectors for development: agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism information technology, financial sector, education and health.

Scheme for Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation

†2086. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.